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Transmitted herewith is:

1. a Request for Extension of Time;
2. a check for \$950;
3. a Request for Reconsideration Under 37 CFR § 1.116; and
4. the Declaration of Khalid Mentak, Ph.D. Under 37 CFR § 1.132, including Curriculum Vitae.

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2003 (hereinafter "the Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in view of the remarks herein. Transmitted herewith is a petition and fee for a three month extension of time, extending the due date for response to the Office Action from August 27, 2003 to November 27, 2003. Applicant submits, therefore, that this response is timely filed. No claim amendments are proposed herein because none are thought to be needed.

Also transmitted herewith, and incorporated by reference herein, is a Declaration of Dr. Khalid Mentak under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 (hereinafter the "Mentak Declaration").

Applicant respectfully submits that consideration of the arguments and declaration submitted herein is proper, under 37 CFR § 1.116, because the arguments and declaration have been prepared with the express purpose of placing all the present pending claims in a condition for allowance. No new issues are raised by the arguments or declaration, they only seek to address the statements made by the Examiner in support of the outstanding rejections. Specifically, Applicant respectfully submits that entry of the declaration and consideration of the comments herein will materially advance prosecution of this application and, it is hoped, completely obviate any need for appeal. For reasons set forth above, and in view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the declaration and comments submitted herein under 37 CFR § 1.116.